

Announcement

Fulbright Foreign Student Program 2014-15

The American Center at U.S. Embassy Dhaka is pleased to announce that the United States government will offer several grants for a fully-funded master's degree in the U.S. through the Fulbright Foreign Student Program. Preferred candidates include junior faculty from Bangladeshi universities and junior to mid-level employees of research organizations, think tanks, NGOs, and other related organizations. The grants will be offered for degrees in the following fields:

Agricultural Sciences
Biological Sciences - Biochemistry/Molecular Biology/ Pharmacy/ Microbiology/Biotechnology/Genetics
Business Administration
Economics
Education - Higher Education Administration/Education Policy
English Literature - American Literature/Linguistics/TESOL
Environmental Studies & Disaster Management
Finance & Management
History
International Relations
Journalism - Media & Communication
Law - Dispute Resolution/Energy/Environmental/Natural Resources/Intellectual Property/International Law
Public Administration

Fulbright grant provisions include: round-trip airfare, tuition and related academic fees, a monthly stipend for room, board, and incidental expenses, a book allowance, health and accident insurance, travel allowance, and excess baggage allowance.

The program is extremely selective — in previous years, six to seven grants have been made after hundreds of applications were received and reviewed. It is anticipated that three of the grants this year will be awarded in the hard sciences, although the American Center reserves the right to revise all arrangements as necessary.

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Have at least a four-year bachelor's degree, with an outstanding academic record (preferably first class);
- Not have a degree from a U.S. university;
- Not hold a master's degree from any third country (those holding Bangladeshi master's degrees are also eligible);
- Have at least two years full-time professional experience;
- Have relevant degrees and/or professional experience in their proposed field of study;
- Be between 24 – 30 years old;
- Be fluent in English;

- Be in good health;
- Be Bangladeshi citizens residing in Bangladesh at the time of application;
- Agree to return to Bangladesh upon completion of their studies in the U.S;
- Be willing to refund the cost of a return ticket if they return home before completion of the degree.

Applicants are requested to submit the **online** application by **Sunday, June 2, 2013**. Detailed instructions on how to fill out the online application form, as well as the link to the online application site are available at:

http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/programs_for_undergrad_grad_students.html

Candidates may access the online application directly at:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/>.

Prospective candidates must also submit the following supplemental forms by **June 2**:

1. Please scan and upload copies of **Academic Transcripts; Certificates** from each post-secondary institution (Bachelor's and Master's); **Academic Records Information Form**; and the **Signature Form** into the application. Please note that prospective candidates are **not** required to submit hard copies of supplemental forms to the American Center.

2. **Three Letters of Reference** – Reference letters must also be submitted online.

3. **Standardized Testing Requirements**

a. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

A valid and competitive TOEFL score is required for all successful candidates. If an applicant has a TOEFL score at the time of application, it should be submitted with the application materials—however, if a candidate does not have this score at the time of application, **he or she is not required to take the TOEFL prior to selection for the program. Instead, the American Center will arrange testing for preliminarily selected candidates.**

b. GRE/GMAT

Similarly, a competitive GRE or GMAT score is required for admission to a master's program in the U.S. If applicants already have such a score, those results should be submitted along with the application. **Again, if an applicant has not yet taken these tests, the American Center can arrange testing for preliminarily selected candidates.**

Applicants are encouraged to contact Ms. Shaheen Khan, Cultural Affairs Specialist at the American Center, at KhanSA@state.gov if they have any questions regarding application procedures.